



## Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday am: Holy Communion

*(Hymns: TIS 265, Deep in darkness v1, TIS 156, TIS 273, MP 75)*

Sunday 9am: Family Service (also streamed via ZOOM\*)

*(Hymns: MP 729, Deep in darkness v1, Children's song, MP 1141, MP 664, v1,2,4,6)*

\* <https://zoom.us/j/7210725462> or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462).

Contact the office for the password.

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

*Isaiah 2.3a*

*Rev'd Timothy writes...*

A new church year, but still the gospel readings are very apocalyptic! Where are the angels bringing the good news that Christ is surely coming? The message of the passage from Matthew 24 is that Christ has come, but we await his coming again in glory.

'Advent' means 'the coming', and so in this season we both remember Jesus' first coming, which we

celebrate at Christmas, and anticipate his second coming. We know that this will be. Isaiah writes of

the 'days to come' (Is. 2:2), and St Paul tells the Romans that 'salvation is nearer to us' (Romans 13:11). We live in the times between Jesus' first and second coming and

therefore have the assurance that the incarnation brings of our salvation, and to be ready for what will come next. To live 'between the times' is, above all, to trust and

hope that God has begun, and will continue, to transform us more and more into the stature of Christ, in whom all of God's mercy and loving-kindness becomes manifest.

Advent calls us into a continuing history of relationship with the Christ who meets us whichever way we turn, whether toward the past, the present, or the future.



## Sunday @ 9 for Advent Sunday

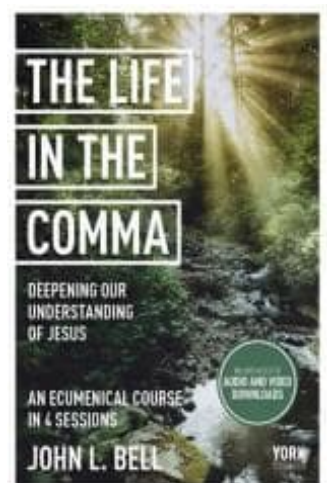
Today, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, we will have a special intergenerational family services at which our children will help lead the service and there will be

interactive activities for all ages to help us prepare for the Advent season.



## Advent Study—The life in the comma

Our Advent study this year is written by John Bell who observes that The Apostle's creed moves from the Virgin Mary to Pontius Pilate with only a comma in between, and it is only through understanding what is represented by the comma, Jesus life, that we can really understand Jesus. Accompanied by a video of John discussing these themes, we will ponder how Jesus in his earthly ministry fulfilled the law, the prophets and the psalms, before looking forward – with deeper interest – to the celebration of his birth in the incarnation.



Continues Tuesdays 10am or Thursdays 7.30pm. Contact Rev'd Timothy or June for details. Study books now available at \$12.50.

## Readings for Advent Sunday

Isaiah 2:1–5 paints a vision of a time when people will come to God’s dwelling place together in peace. The people will walk in God’s ways, and their disputes will be settled without violence.

Psalm 122 is a song of ascents sung as the people approach Jerusalem. As they approach the city, they pray for peace for Jerusalem.

Romans 13:11–14 Paul exhorts the early Christians to wake to the new life in Christ. The night is nearly over, and the day is coming. They are to put aside whatever separates them from God and clothe themselves in Christ, allowing the light of his life and love to guide their steps.

**Matthew 24:36–44** Jesus urges his disciples to keep watch and be ready, for the time of God’s reign coming in its fullness is unknown. Because its arrival cannot be predicted, they are called to live faithfully, alert, and prepared, as they wait.

### *First reading*

A reading from the book of Isaiah

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,

and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

### Psalm 122

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me: ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’

<sup>2</sup> And now our feet are standing: within your gates, O Jerusalem;

<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem which is built as a city: where the pilgrims gather in unity.

<sup>4</sup> There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:

as he commanded Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> There are set thrones of judgement: the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup> O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: may those who love you prosper.

<sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls: and prosperity in your palaces.

<sup>8</sup> For the sake of my kindred and companions:  
I will pray that peace be with you.

<sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the Lord our God:  
I will seek for your good.

### *Second Reading*

A reading from the letter to the Romans

<sup>9</sup> The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'<sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;<sup>12</sup> the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light;<sup>13</sup> let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.<sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no

provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Romans 13:9-14*

### *Gospel Reading*

A reading from the gospel of Matthew.

<sup>36</sup> 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.'<sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.<sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark,<sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.<sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.<sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.<sup>42</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.<sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.<sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

*Matthew 24:36-44*

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### Word for the Day

Matthew 24:36–44 is one of those tricky apocalyptic texts. To understand it better, it is helpful to recall the tension of the first-century people who longed for the Messiah's return, struggled with the delay, and tried to live faithfully in the meantime.

So, what does it say to us in 2025—not as a threat to frighten or guilt us, but as a

word of promise and invitation?

The first theme is not to lose sight of is the promise. Jesus assures his disciples that when he comes, he 'will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other' (24:31). This promise is the backdrop to everything else. Waiting is not empty. It is grounded in God's faithfulness.

The second theme that is relatable today is the unexpected nature of Jesus' message. No one knows, not even Jesus, when this will take place. There is uncertainty. Much of life is like this. The devastation of natural disasters, the loss of a job, the death of a loved one, and a change in our own health—all these things threaten our sense of control and certainty in life. We take out insurance, work out at the gym, put money away, protect our children—to shield ourselves from the precarious and unpredictable nature of life.

Jesus is not a shield for the uncertainties of life; his promise to be with us does not insulate us from the realities of life. However, as people who know the light that Jesus is to the world, we live knowing that we are not alone as we face life's adversities. We wait in hope. We wait for the light of Jesus to come into our lives.

### **Ideas for Reflection**

- How do we live each day as people already gathered into God's promise?
- What does faithfulness look like in uncertain times?
- Where are we being invited to notice signs of light in the ordinary?
- How might we recognise and nurture the light we see in others, and share the light we have experienced—not by imposition, but by presence?
- Who in our community, or in our lives, is struggling with shadows—and how might we accompany them with compassion?
- How do we wait in hope, even while we live with uncertainty?

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### **Inala Careforce**

are collecting toys and cash donations before Christmas. Please ensure all donations are received no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> December as the Moy family will be taking a delivery to Inala on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December.



Orders are now being taken for the 2025 Anglican Australian Church Calendar. Please sign the list at the back of church (or contact the office) if you would like a copy. The cost is \$15.

# Final weekend!

ST LUKE'S THEATRE SOCIETY PRESENTS...

## SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

*Directed by June Balfour*

BY ARRANGEMENT WITH DRAMATISTS PLAY SERVICE INC.  
BASED ON THE NOVEL BY JANE AUSTEN

*by Kate Hamill*

21 NOV - 6 DEC 2025

7:30PM 21, 22, 28, 29 NOV + 5, 6 DEC  
2:00PM 22, 29 NOV + 6 DEC

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## CHRISTMAS AT ST LUKE'S EKIBIN

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December

6pm Carol Service

preceded by a community sausage sizzle at 5pm.  
There will be a collection supporting the community  
outreach work of the 96.5 family radio station

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

5pm Family service with nativity story  
and communion

11pm Holy Communion by candlelight

Christmas Day, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December

9am Family Service with communion  
also streamed on Zoom,  
contact the office for details

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## For our Prayers

### *Prayer for the day*

Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### *The World*

Pray for those affected by severe storms and cyclones throughout Australia.

### *The Anglican Communion*

The Anglican Church of Australia

The Parish of Brisbane Mar Thoma Church: †Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa Anglicare SQ Out of Home Care, Central Region – Fraser & Gympie Residential

### *Our missionary partners*

For the work of the Anglican Board of Mission and Anglicans in Development and the projects they support

### *Local Schools and colleges*

Queensland University of Technology, University of Queensland, Griffith University

### *Our parish*

Pray that, as we enter into Advent, we may all be filled with the grace to hope in your with unwavering trust.

### ***Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed***

Ryan, Jocelyn Hawes, Peter F, Peter Pressdee, David F., Jan Moody, Robyn and Maxine McElnea, Rita Johnson, Sharon L., Margaret Sheehan, Don Rennie, Georgina Crawford, Glenda, Sue, Liz and Angie Lockhorst, Rev'd Shane Hubner, Natalie McHue, Lynette Coop, Sue, Rose, Al, Nancy Capern, Jennifer D, Sandy Tonello. Mary Bickerdike, Lee.

### *From the Parish Book of Remembrance*

*1 December:* Alfred Cocking, Rosetta Ann Smith, Mabel Murphy; *2 December:* Bevan Capern; *3 December:* Dorothy Haskins, Esther Ellen Frances Wood; *4 December:* May Ada Willson, Harvey Owen Phipps, David Clive Moy; *5 December:* Joan Wilkinson, Noela Winifred McMillan; *6 December:* Sushannah Haskins, Madeline Marie Macdonald.

## Flowers in church

The flowers in church today are given in memory of David Moy whose anniversary occurs this week.

We are replenishing our artificial flowers so that we have sufficient to be able to change the colours for the different seasons of the church year. If you would like to contribute towards this, there is a donation box at the back of church, or speak to Janette Hagerty.



## Containers for Change

Donate your '10c refund' bottles and cans to St Luke's. Either by bring them to church or take them direct to TOMRA (9/655 Toohey Road, Salisbury) and use the parish code: C10686424

## Children's Church

**continues during the**  
9am service every  
Sunday during School Term



## Also part of St Luke's:

**Little Angels  
Tarragindi**

Anglican Childcare  
opening early 2026:

[littleangels.qld.edu.au](http://littleangels.qld.edu.au)



St Luke's Theatre Society:  
[stlukestheatre.asn.au](http://stlukestheatre.asn.au)

## Services This Week:

Tuesday-Friday

6pm: Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

(Second Sunday in Advent)

7am: Holy Communion

9am: Family service

(St Luke's/Zoom)

*Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-21;  
Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 2:1-12*

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